

REPORTED INCIDENCE OF BACTERIAL MENINGITIS

Objective

By 1990, the annual reported incidence of bacterial meningitis should be reduced to two per 100,000 population.

Explanatory Notes

Due to a change in reporting criteria, data prior to 1979 are not shown. Current U.S. data are not available.

Findings

The North Carolina rate rose to 6.0 in 1982, declined to 4.5 in the last two years, and is projected to drop to about 3.3 in 1990. Nationally, it is reported that "Progress toward meeting this objective will require attainment of vaccine efficacy and availability as well as improved reporting of cases to facilitate analysis of progress." If successful, a vaccine field trial underway in Alaska may yield a licensed vaccine in 1988. (3)

Data Source

State Center for Health Statistics